(e) No, Sir. No enquiry has been made by the Government since M/s HTL is no more a Public Sector Undertaking and is controlled by a private company since 16.10.2001.

Modalities on open source support systems and E-Governance

2461. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some MNCs have recently approached Government to discuss and set the modalities regarding the open source support system and e-governance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how such initiatives would be beneficial to people of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) and (b) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), a society under the Department of Information Technology, has set up an Open Source Software Resource Centre (OSSRC) at Mumbai, jointly with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai and in partnership with IBM. OSSRC's goals are to develop, adopt and disseminate solutions, education and content that use open standards.

(c) Such initiatives would be beneficial in promoting development of Software solutions based on Open Source and Open Standards that are affordable, accessible, inter-operable and free from vendor lock-in.

Cyber frauds

2462. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cyber fraud in the country that have come to the notice of Government during the last two years;

(b) the details thereof and the action taken by Government in the matter;

(c) whether the existing laws are capable to deal with cyber criminals and punish them adequately; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) and (b) The cases of cyber crimes registered under IT Act and IPC Section during 2003 and 2004 are as under:—

Year	IT Act	IPC	Total
2003	60	411	471
2004	65	431	496

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Section 43, 65, 66, 72 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 deal with cyber contraventions and crimes.

Assistance to pilgrims of Kailash Mansarover

†2463. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance being provided to pilgrims of Kailash Mansarover by Government;

(b) whether Sino-Indian Governments have prepared or propose to prepare any scheme jointly to facilitate the Kailash Mansarover yatra;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the present status of the said scheme;

(e) whether transit expenses of the pilgrims of Kailash Mansarover will decline after implementation of the said scheme; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is presently organised by the Government under a bilateral arrangement with the Chinese Government through the Lipulekh Pass in Pithoragarh, Uttaranchal. Government pay Rupees three thosand two hundred and

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